

Montgomery County Cares

As of March 16, 2010

Health Objective: 23-8 Competencies for public health workers

Block Grant Funding: 75-99% - Primary source of funding

Issue:

In 2008, Montgomery County completed the CDC, National Public Health Performance Standards Program, Local Public Health System Assessment. This Assessment was completed as part of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), Indiana Public Health System Quality Improvement Program. Areas for performance improvement in the county's public health system constitute the foundation for subsequent interventions.¹

Intervention:

The Montgomery County Health Services Partnership was formed in 2008, subsequent to the county's participation in the ISDH Indiana Public Health System Quality Improvement Program. The goal of the Partnership is to create a comprehensive and sustainable structure to identify and coordinate community health services for the county's 37,805 residents. The Coalition held the first Montgomery County Health Summit to engage local partners in June 2009. The primary objectives of the summit were to enhance communication among partners and extend an invitation to partners to become formally involved in, and/or to support, the Montgomery County Health Services Partnership.

Impact:

The June 2009 Summit included 'visioning activities' among the partners. When asked to submit responses to what they envisioned as being needed for a 'Healthy Montgomery County', responses were categorized for use by the Partnership. In 2009, the collaborative efforts of the Partnership resulted in the launch of the MontCares website.² This online resource provides comprehensive information to healthcare and community resources in an effort to link people to needed services. The work of the Partnership continues to assess further the needs of the public health system and its' residents to improve health for all who reside in Montgomery County.

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Footnotes:

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ES1: Monitor Health Status to Identify Community Health Problems

Model Standard 1.1 Population-based Community Health Profile 15.6%

Model Standard 1.2 Current Technology to Manage and Communicate Population Health Data 45.6%

ES3: Inform, Educate, and Empower People about Health Issues

Model Standard 3.1 Health Education and Promotion 45%

Model Standard 3.2 Health Communication 52.1%

ES4: Mobilize Community Partnerships to Identify and Solve Health Problems

Model Standard 4.1 Constituency Development 28.8%

Model Standard 4.2 Community Partnerships 29.4%

ES7: Link People to Needed Personal Health Services and Assure the Provision of Health Care When Unavailable

Model Standard 7.1 Identification of Personal Health Service Needs of Population 66.7%

Model Standard 7.2 Assuring the Linkage of People to Personal Health Services 36.5%

ES9: Evaluate Effectiveness, Accessibility, and Quality of Personal and Population-Based Health Services

Model Standard 9.1 Evaluation of Population-Based Health Services 29.7%

Model Standard 9.2 Evaluation of Personal Health Services 64.6%

Model Standard 9.3 Evaluation of Local Public Health System 31.3%

²<http://www.MontCares.org>

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